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Abstract of the Disclosure

A radio apparatus embodied in a radio telephone has a display device and at least one control element for selecting and/or activating functions of the radio apparatus that are displayed on the display device. The control element is disposed neighboring the display device so that a local association exists between the control element and the displaying of functions of the radio apparatus on the display device. The apparatus further includes means for providing at least one first operating mode in which information about the first operating mode is associated in the display device with the control element. Information in a second operating mode associated with the first operating mode is converted into a function for activating the first operating mode, which function is activatable by the control element.